

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

February 11, 2010

Present: J. Quinn, M. Shapiro, M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-5(2), Collective Bargaining. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the executive session.

III. Public Hearing on 2010-11 School Budget. The Superintendent provided a Power Point presentation on budget expenses for 2010-11.

IV. Public Input: A question was raised pertaining to the “Race to the Top.” Dr. Devine discuss the reasons why Little Compton Schools is not participating as a participating district but is participating as an “involved district.”

V. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by M. Harrington seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

VI. Spotlight on Excellence: Middle School Robotics Program, presented by Mr. Gibney. On a motion made by M. Shapiro, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to move this item before the public hearing.

a. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Devine read a letter from Mr. Whitehouse about the involvement of the Hallgring's in their recycling efforts over the years. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Hallgring's. Dr. Devine discussed the school funding formula.

b. Principal's Report: Mr. Gibney discussed the flu clinic and how the numbers were lower due to the age groups that were required to have the second vaccine. The clinic went very well. Mr. Gibney discussed the story reader and how enjoyable it was. Mr. Gibney also discussed Rudy Pauls presentation and how inspiring it was. Report cards were distributed last week. Mr. Whitehouse will be presenting a musical assembly sometime in March. Discussed the overall communication to the community that he and Officer Cressman have worked on. Mr. Gibney discussed the amazing contributions our students made in collecting money for the victims in the Haiti area. Literacy night is continuing and continues to be successful. LCEF will fund the remainder of the year for a homework club.

VII. Personnel Matters:

a. On a motion made by J. Quinn seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to accept the resignation with deep regret of Diane MacGregor and Kathleen Updegrove.

b. The vote to implement dismissal procedures has been postponed to February 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

VIII. Action Item:

a. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was

unanimously voted to approve the 2010-11 proposed school budget.

b. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez it was unanimously voted to accept the proposed Childhood Obesity policy.

c. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to accept that the school committee authorize the Little Compton School Building Committee to issue an RFP for Civil Engineering Services to be used for the purpose of funding a site survey and wetlands review as described in the RFP entitled “Request for Proposal for Engineering Services.” On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez the RFP on architectural engineering was further discussed. The allocation of a sum not to exceed \$75,000 to the Little Compton School Building Committee to be used for the purpose of funding an architect and engineering plan which will satisfy RIDE Stage II Necessity for School Construction Application requirements. On a motion made by J. Quinn to table the discussion on the Architectural RFP the motion did not receive a second. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez it was unanimously voted to table this discussion till February 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

IX. Discussion Items:

a. Mr. Morrison discussed a budget request with the Little Compton School Committee. The budget committee is asking the school committee to approve paying the last payment on the school bond out of the school’s surplus.

b. LCEF reported on the progress of the foundation and the issuing

of quarterly reports and annual reports.

c. Mr. Gibney discussed the NECAP scores.

d. Mr. Gibney discussed the Crisis Intervention Policy, On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to table this to the next meeting.

X. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee

Executive Session

July 8, 2009

Following Open Meeting: 42-46-5(1), (4) – Personnel Actions